

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

March 8, 2022

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Public Library 2nd Floor Conference Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282 & Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: +1 480-498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 936 327 717#

(MEMBERS) Present:

Michelle Donati-Grayman
Melissa Farling
Rabbanni Furqaan
Jana Lynn Granillo
William Ortega
David Reynolds
Joe Rojas
Hugo Tapia
Candyce Lindsay
Peggie Simmons

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Kate Vawter

City Staff Present:

Jonae Harrison, Equity & Inclusion Manager
Danielle Gunn, Management Assistant

Guests:

Sam Huang
Teresa Yu

Call to Order

Chair Hugo Tapia called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Sam Huang introduced himself as a City of Tempe Resident and is running for city council in District 12. Sam Huang introduced his Campaign Manager, Teresa Yu.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – February 8, 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Michelle Donati-Grayman to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2022; Second by Commissioner Joe Rojas. Motion passed on an 10-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Hugo Tapia, Vice Chair Will Ortega, and Commissioners Michelle Donati-Grayman, Melissa Farling, Rabbanni Furqaan, Jana Lynn Granillo, David Reynolds, Joe Rojas, Candyce Lindsay, and Peggie Simmons. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Kate Vawter.

Agenda Item 3 – Update: Dolores Huerta Scholarship

Jonae Harrison, Equity & Inclusion Manager, updated the Commission on the Dolores Huerta Scholarship recipients. Of the nine applicants, two were awarded the scholarship: Sadie Goldman and MiMi Harris. Both scholarships are sponsored by Chicanos Por La Causa.

Agenda Item 4 – Discussion: 2022 HRC Agenda

Chair Tapia wants the HRC to focus on the opportunity for Commission members to define the HRC’s priorities for the year and further develop the HRC’s mission. He noted the Commission is not diverting from past processes but how to make those processes better moving forward. Jonae Harrison let the Commission know now is a positive time to work with the departments. The Commission presented ideas on how to increase communications.

Chair Tapia offered to host next month’s meeting, an HRC Retreat, at his residence. The purpose for change of venue is to allow a longer session than two hours, if needed. The purpose for the retreat is an opportunity for Commission members to raise potential future agenda items. Motion made by Commissioner David Reynolds to have the next HRC meeting as a retreat. Second by Commissioner Melissa Donati-Grayman. Motion passed on an 10-0 vote. Ayes: Chair Hugo Tapia, Vice Chair Will Ortega, and Commissioners Michelle Donati-Grayman, Melissa Farling, Rabbanni Furqaan, Jana Lynn Granillo, David Reynolds, Joe Rojas, Candyce Lindsay, and Peggie Simmons. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Kate Vawter.

Agenda Item 5 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Item 6 – Upcoming Meeting – Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2022

**Motion made by Commissioner Rojas to adjourn the meeting
Second by Commissioner Donati-Grayman
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Prepared by: Danielle Gunn

Reviewed by: Jonae Harrison